

THE mortality for the past two years and a-half among the European laborers engaged in digging the Panama Canal has been at the rate of 98 per 1,000.

DR. A. SEIBERT, of New York, is the editor of the new German-American medical periodical known as the *Medicinische Monatschrift*. The price is placed at \$2.50 yearly.

ACCURACY OF DIAGNOSIS.—Mr. Lawson Tait says: Absolute accuracy of diagnosis in the abdomen is far from possible; only the ignorant assert that it is, and only fools wait for it.

THE third Russian Medical Congress was opened in St. Petersburg on the fifteenth of January; 1,500 members were present. Dr. Erissmann, Professor of Hygiene at Moscow, was elected President of the Congress.

A FUND has been started for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of Duchenne (Duchenne's disease, Locomotor ataxy; Duchenne's palsy, pseudo-hypertrophic palsy), the illustrious Neurologist.

PROFESSOR KRAFFT-EBING, of Gratz, has been nominated as successor to Professor Leidersdorf in the chair of Anatomy at Vienna. This will raise the number of Professors belonging to the German Empire at Vienna to five.

WE are pleased to welcome to our exchange list *The North American Practitioner*, the journal of the post-graduate medical school of Chicago. It is ably edited by Drs. Bayard Holms and Junius C. Hoag. It is intended that reports of autopsies shall take a leading place in this publication.

THE first triennial prize of two hundred and fifty dollars under the deed of trust of Mrs. Wm. F. Jenks, has been awarded by the Prize Committee of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, to John Strahan, M.D., M.Ch., M.A.O. (Royal University, Ireland), 247 North Queen street, Belfast, Ireland, for the best essay on "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Extra-Uterine Pregnancy."

WE have been favored by the Burlington (Vermont) papers with descriptions of the new building which Dr. A. J. Willard has erected there for his Nervine Establishment and Rest Cure. As far as we may judge from the descriptions, we should say that no pains or expense had been spared by Dr. Willard for affording his patients every convenience and comfort that could possibly be obtained in the most luxurious home. Heating, ventilation, and requisites for bathing seem especially to have been well attended to.

AMONG the pleasant things received lately at our business office from our subscribers is the following—pleasing, let us say, to both editors and publishers:

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MESSRS. J. E. BRYANT & CO.,

PUBLISHERS OF CANADIAN PRACTITIONER:

GENTLEMEN,—Enclosed please find ten dollars (\$10), the amount of my indebtedness to THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER to January 1st, 1890. Please acknowledge receipt.

I am pleased to congratulate both editors and publishers on the improvement of THE PRACTITIONER. Each number brings much new and interesting matter. I should not be willing to be without it. Yours truly, S. WEST, M.D.

THERE IS NOTHING HOLIER THAN TRUTH. It is a pleasing fact to note that there is in the medical profession a sense of honor too high to be bribed; and all honor be given to Professors Wiederhoffer and Hofmann, who, notwithstanding Court pressure, declined to falsely certify as to the cause of death of the late Crown Prince of Austria. One result, says the *Medical Press and Circular*, of the recent Mackenzie controversy has been to establish a high standard of professional morality. The falsehoods certified to by the doctors who attended the late M. Gambetta in the end only reflected discredit on those who were impolitic enough to lend themselves to the propagation of inaccurate and mendacious statements. Unfortunately there are a few men in the medical profession void of honor and even common honesty; mean men,